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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the removal of the Morse Code requirement for all classes of amateur radio licensing.

My reasons for supporting this are simple. Over the years I've taught ham radio to the local students of the Barrington, NH school system. While many were interested in obtaining their licenses, very few actually made it. Many were excited by our demonstrations of satellite communications or the thought of being able to talk (non-internet) to your friends living in the surrounding communities. My daughter (K2CUI) and her friend (KB1IOF) communicate almost nightly via handhelds.

But what really interests the kids is the ability to communicate to others outside of their own country. While they could take the time and learn the Morse code, they don't. Other activities and school work compete for their time and the code is much too boring for them to spend the time learning.

It's actually funny that they'll do the book work for the license, but the code is too far removed from what they consider to be realistic for the goal of additional frequency privileges. I'm not saying that the kids are lazy; every generation has been labeled with this. Kids today are technologically overloaded. Too many new gadgets competing for their time and money.

My daughter is 13 (has had her license since 10) and still loves to act as net control on our local repeater where all the members are three times her age. She wants to communicate verbally and finds it enjoyable. Imagine how she'd feel working another country!

I see no reason for holding back anyone who can pass the written test. I think our goal as ham radio operators is to bring back the spoken word amongst our children and give them another way to open communication to other children worldwide.

Regards,  
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